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Current Events

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California

Berkeley.—The Central Section of the Classical Association of the Pacific States met in joint session with the Classics Section of the California High School Teachers' Association at Berkeley on July 18 and 19. The following program was presented: "Prologue," Professor Leon Josiah Richardson, University of California; "On the Latinization of Modern Place Names," Professor Jefferson Elmore, Leland Stanford Junior University; "Two-in-One in Education," Dr. William Jerome Wilson, University of the Pacific; "Commercial Latin," Miss Elsie Henrietta Martens, Oakland Technical High School; "Xenophon—An Athenian," Professor George Miller Calhoun, University of California; "Virgil in the American Poets," Dr. Anna Shipley Cox, Mills College; "The Second Battle of Princeton," Dr. Shirley Howard Weber, Washington University; "What Is Demanded of the Teacher of High-School Latin at the Present Day?" Professor Alexis Frederick Lange, University of California.

On each day the attendance was well above a hundred; and the second meeting was featured as a general session of the High School Teachers' Association. Specially forceful was the advocacy of the study of Latin by Professor Lange, director of the School of Education, University of California.

Officers of the Central Section for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Dr. W. J. Wilson, College of the Pacific; Vice-president, Dr. C. C. Conrad, University High School, Oakland; Secretary-treasurer, Miss C. E. Bailey, Technical High School, Oakland; Executive Committee (in addition to the above), Mr. C. M. Daniels, Alameda High School; and Miss E. M. Sandholdt, Centerville High School.

Indiana

The State Committee of the Classical Section of the Indiana State Teachers' Association has addressed the following plan to the teachers of Latin in Indiana:

1. *Annual reading.*—A book or part of an author is to be selected each year, which all teachers of Latin are urged to read. This year it is Game, *The Teaching of High School Latin* (University of Chicago Press, \$1.00).

¹ To be appointed.

2. *Books and slides*.—The Extension Department of Indiana University will send out to teachers, for limited periods, books, periodicals, and slides. They may be used free of expense, except for transportation charges.

3. *Latin clubs*.—A bureau has been established in charge of Miss Josephine Abel, Technical High School, Indianapolis, to collect and furnish all kinds of information about Latin clubs.

4. *Latin exhibits and plays*.—The teachers of Shortridge High School have agreed to undertake this line of activity and to get and give information on exhibits and performances by high-school pupils. Address any information you have or requests about plays to Miss Virginia E. Claybaugh, Shortridge High School, Indianapolis.

5. *Experiments*.—Such modifications of the work in Latin as the use of the direct method, Latin in the seventh and eighth grades, co-operation of the Latin department with other departments, and the so-called laboratory method of studying Latin will be in charge of Professor S. E. Stout, Bloomington, who will be glad to know of these and similar experiments and to give advice and information about them.

6. *Teachers' league*.—A series of circular letters on various topics of interest connected with the teaching of Latin is being sent out to those who wish to read them and contribute to the discussion in this informal way. The circuits correspond to the Congressional districts. If you wish to join, send your name and address to the representative of your district on the committee, or to Professor J. J. Schlicher, 1811 North Eighth Street, Terre Haute, who is in general charge.

The Committee consists of the following:

Appointed by the Classical Section: J. J. Schlicher, 1811 North Eighth Street, Terre Haute; S. E. Stout, Bloomington; H. M. Gelston, 5319 Julian Avenue, Indianapolis.

District representatives: Mary Harsha, 504 West State Street, Princeton; Ida A. Chenoweth, Washington; Madeline Mattox, Salem; Katherine A. Quinn, 517 North Walnut Street, Seymour; Mabel Bishop, 417 North Walnut Street, Brazil; Elizabeth Smelser, R.R.D., Richmond; H. S. Schell, 56 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis; Emma B. Peters, 121 Kilgore Avenue, Muncie; Anna M. Claybaugh, 803 East Clinton Street, Frankfort; Caroline L. Weems, 3711 Fir Street, Indiana Harbor; Isabelle Cadden, 1115 Broadway, Logansport; Lena M. Foote, Box 374, Lagrange; Stella Peede, Goshen.

New Jersey

Hackensack.—The third-year Latin pupils of the Hackensack High School, under the direction of their instructor, Miss Charlotte E. Gillette, have worked out a dramatization of the denunciation of Catiline in the Roman senate. The play is called *Catilina Accusatus*, and is composed entirely in Latin. Such an exercise, participated in by the whole class, must have added greatly to the zest of the study of the Catilinian's orations.

Missouri

The University of Missouri.—Professor Walter Miller, after a year's absence, during which he was engaged in Y.M.C.A. war service in Italy, has resumed his home work at Columbia.

Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh.—A National Education Association Conference on the Place of Classical Studies in War-Modified Education was held at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 2 and 3. Andrew F. West, Princeton, N.J., acted as chairman. The program was as follows: Opening remarks, S. B. McCormick, Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh; "Readjustment of Our Education Ideas after the War," H. C. Tolman, Vanderbilt University; "Justified Latin, Some Constructive Suggestions," Frances E. Sabin, University of Wisconsin; "Latin in the New World," Oliver W. Stewart, Associate Editor of the *National Enquirer*, Indianapolis; "The Ancient Guardians of Good Modern English," Edward P. Mitchell, Editor-in-Chief of the *Sun*, New York City; "Junior High-School Latin," Mrs. George B. Scott, Sigsbee School, Grand Rapids, Mich.; "Latin in Place of German," Mary L. Breene, Peabody High School, Pittsburgh, B. L. Ullman, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh; "The Practical Value of Latin in War-Modified Education," Albert S. Perkins, Dorchester High School, Boston; "Basis of Education in a Democracy," Wilbert L. Carr, University of Chicago High School, Chicago; discussion on the formation of a National Classical League for the improvement and extension of classical education in the United States.

This Classical Conference was organized in great haste, at a time when the program of the National Education Association was practically complete; hence, if material relating to the conference was to appear at all in the bulletins and programs of the meeting of the National Education Association, that material must be sent in at once. There was thus no time whatever for discussion or joint action with respect to the conference, not even among the members of the General Advisory Committee of the conference, which Professor West constituted as follows: officers of the conference: A. F. West, chairman; Chancellor S. B. McCormick (Pittsburgh), honorary chairman of the local committee; B. L. Ullman, University of Pittsburgh, chairman of the local committee; N. E. Henry, Peabody High School, Pittsburgh, secretary of the local committee and of the conference; other members, F. F. Abbott (Princeton), Jessie E. Allen (Girls' High School, Philadelphia), Dean Gertrude H. Beggs (Minnesota), Campbell Bonner (Michigan), Mary C. C. Bradford (president, 1917-18, National Education Association), Bessie R. Burchett (South Philadelphia High School), Edward Capps (Princeton), W. L. Carr (University of Chicago High School), J. W. Crabtree (secretary, National Education Association), B. L. D'Ooge (Michigan State Normal College), J. C. Egbert (Columbia), R. B. English (Washington and Jefferson College, president, C.A.A.S), H. R. Fairclough (Leland Stanford Junior), George E. Howes

(Williams, president Classical Association of New England), F. W. Kelsey (Michigan), Charles Knapp (Columbia, secretary-treasurer, C.A.A.S), L. E. Lord (Oberlin, secretary-treasurer, Classical Association of the Middle West and South), J. H. McKenzie (Howe School, Howe, Ind.), Anna P. MacVay (Wadleigh High School, New York City), C. W. E. Miller (Johns Hopkins), F. J. Miller (Chicago), C. H. Moore (Harvard), H. C. Nutting (California), Susan Paxson (Central High School, Omaha), President Ellen F. Pendleton (Wellesley College), A. S. Perkins (Dorchester High School, Boston), Frances E. Sabin (Wisconsin), Paul Shorey (Chicago), A. E. Stearns (Phillips Academy, Andover), President M. Carey Thomas (Bryn Mawr), H. C. Tolman (Vanderbilt), M. N. Wetmore (Williams, secretary-treasurer, Classical Association of New England).

This General Advisory Committee had no meeting before the Classical Conference began on July 2, but certain members of the committee met and agreed that, since there was no time to secure opinions, even from members of the General Advisory Committee, it was inadvisable to take positive steps at the current conference toward the formation of a National Classical League, and that there must be time, a year at least, for general and wide consideration. On formal motion, adopted by unanimous vote, the chairman was authorized to present to the Classical Conference next day the following resolutions, as having the approval of as much of the General Advisory Committee as was present:

1. *Resolved*, That the conference favors the establishment of an American Classical League to supplement and reinforce existing classical agencies and for the extension and improvement of classical education.

2. *Resolved*, That the chairman of this conference be requested to appoint two other members to act with him in selecting a committee of not less than five, nor more than nine, members to act as a Temporary Executive Committee until the permanent organization of the league be effected and to draft a constitution to be submitted at a meeting to be held next year in connection with the National Education Association.

3. *Resolved*, That this Temporary Executive Committee be empowered to prepare the program for a Classical Conference to be held next year in connection with the National Education Association and to do whatever else shall seem best to them for the promotion of the cause of classical education.

4. *Resolved*, That the General Advisory Committee for 1918 be continued for the coming year and that the Temporary Executive Committee be authorized to augment its membership.

At the Classical Conference these resolutions were unanimously adopted.

In the discussion which preceded the adoption of the resolutions by the members of the General Advisory Committee unanimous agreement was reached on certain points, by way of interpretation of the resolutions:

1. That the proposed National Classical League, if formed, was in no way to interfere with the existing great regional classical associations (the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, the Classical Association of New England, the Classical Association of the Atlantic States, the Classical Association of the Pacific States), but rather to supplement their work.

2. That the four great regional classical associations should be carefully and fully consulted in connection with the plan for the proposed National Classical League.

3. That opinion as to the advisability of the formation of the proposed league and suggestions with respect to the *modus operandi* of such a league, should opinion favor the formation of the league, should be sought from all quarters and carefully considered.

4. That no positive steps to the actual formation of the proposed league, and no proselyting for members of such a league, should be taken until the Temporary Executive Committee, after considering all opinions and all suggestions, should reach conclusions and should lay those conclusions before the General Advisory Committee, and these conclusions should in turn be laid before the Classical Conference, to be held next July in connection with the next annual meeting of the National Education Association.

In a circular dated at Princeton, July 25, Professor West announced that he had requested Professors F. F. Abbott (Princeton) and D. R. Stuart (Princeton) to act with him to select the Temporary Executive Committee, and that the three had selected the following Temporary Executive Committee: A. E. Stearns (Phillips Academy, Andover), C. H. Moore (Harvard), Anna P. MacVay (Wadleigh High School, New York City), A. F. West, chairman (Princeton), W. L. Carr (University of Chicago High School), Frances E. Sabin (Wisconsin), Susan Paxson (Central High School, Omaha), H. C. Nutting (California), H. C. Tolman (Vanderbilt).

German Educator's Casualty List (from the National Education Association *Bulletin* for June, 1918).—The National Education Association has canceled all honorary memberships of German educators. In response to a persistent demand from active members of the Association, from members of the Council of National Defense, and from others, the Executive Committee issued an order that all names of honorary members residing in Germany be dropped from the membership roll. The following are among the names of prominent German educators on the honorary list of corresponding members whose memberships have been canceled: Dr. Christian Felix Klein, Wilhelm-Weber Strasse 3, Göttingen; Dr. Wilhelm Paszkowski, University of Berlin, Berlin; Dr. Karl Reinhardt, Schillerstrasse 8, Steglitz, Berlin; Dr. Friedrich Gustav Adolph E. L. Schmidt, Cultus Ministerium, Berlin; Dr. Ulrich von Wilamowitz-Moellendorf, Berlin University, Berlin; Dr. Anton H. Appellmann, Herzlake Hannover; Dr. John Mez, Munich.

Mr. Wilbert W. Martin, 4406 Maine Avenue, West Forest Park, Baltimore, desires to obtain a copy of Vol. I, No. 1, of the *Classical Journal*, in order to complete his file. Any reader who can supply this number is requested to communicate with Mr. Martin.